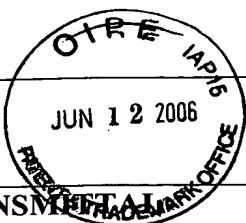


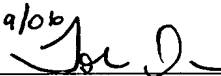
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Transmitted herewith for filing is a response to the Office Action mailed March 9, 2006, for the above-identified application.

No fee is believed due. However, if any fees is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account No. 11-0600 for such fees. A copy of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,



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**AMENDMENT**

SIR:

This amendment is filed in response to a March 9, 2006 Office Action in connection with the above-captioned application. Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are provided on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are contained in the **Listing of Claims**, beginning on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.